

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MAY 15, 2007

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met May 15 2007, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Arnold.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Supervisor Robert Rye

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were, Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, Robert Rye and Daniel Wagoner. Also present was a representative from the Grand Island Independent and County Attorney Mark Young and Deputy County Attorney Jack Zitterkopf.

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING LAW – Chairman Arnold read the notice of the open meeting law.

Consent Agenda – Lancaster made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Placed on file the minutes of the May 1 meeting
2. 6 item 6 will be postponed until a later date
3. 7 Approved Proclamations #07-0038 For the 150th Anniversary of Hall County
4. 11 Authorized the Chair to sign the sub-grantee agreement for the State Homeland Security Gant Program
5. 15a Approved the final plat and Resolution #07-0039 for Siemers Subdivision
6. 15b Approve the final plat and Resolution #07-0040 For Marion Francis Subdivision
7. 23 Placed on file the office reports from County Clerk, County Court, Clerk of the District Court, County Sheriff, Juvenile Services and the County Attorney monthly statistical report
8. 24 Placed on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
9. 25 Placed on file communications as received.

OFFICE REPORT HALL COUNTY CLERK APRIL 2007

TITLE FEES STATE	\$ 14,865.50
TITLE FEES COUNTY	\$ 7,808.50
RECORDING FEES	\$ 465.00
PHOTO FEES/FAX FEES & MISC.	\$ 14.00
PLAT BOOKS/OTHER	\$ 45.00
CERTIFIED COPIES MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ 140.00
TIME CARD FEES	.00
RETURNED CHECKS	\$.00
TOTAL	\$ 23,368.00

OFFICE REPORT
COUNTY COURT
APRIL 2007

FINES (CO.)	\$ 50,695.95
OVERLOAD FINES	981.00
REIMBURSE SHERIFF FEES	2,592.97
WORK RELEASE FEES	1,032.41
REIMBURSE FAX COPIES	26.00
FINES (CITY)	1,045.25
REIMBURSE WITNESS FEES	985.07
BOND FORFEITURES	15,324.10
REIMBURSE CO. FEES	988.64
TOTAL	\$ 82,582.39

OFFICE REPORT
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
APRIL 2007

COURT COSTS	\$ 3,420.24
10% BOND	225.00
FINES	618.25
PHOTO COPIES	285.50
FAX FEES	45.00
INTEREST	1,345.89
BOARD OF PRISIONERS	1,509.00
BOND FORFEITURE	. 00
PASSPORT PROCESSING FEE	5,700.00
POSTAGE	9.45

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF
MARCH 2007

TOTAL FEES MILEAGE & MISC	\$18,386.70
HANDGUN APPLICATIONS	80.00
TITLE INSPECTIONS	3,390.00
COPIES	27.00

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF
JANUARY, FEBRUAR, MARCH 2007

HANDGUN APPLICATIONS	220.00
TITLE INSPECTIONS	7,700.00
COPIES	99.00

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES
APRIL 2007

JUVENILE REFERRALS	34 JUVENILES
JUVENILE OFFENDERS	2 JUVENILES
JUVENILE HOUSE ARREST	1 JUVENILES
TOTAL UNDER SUPERVISION	229 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED	\$912.00

OFFICE REPORT
HOWARD COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES
APRIL 2007

JUVENILE REFERRALS	2 JUVENILES
TOTAL JUVENILE ENROLLEES	7 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED FOR MONTH	\$150.00
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FISCAL YEAR	\$2,0.00

County Clerk Marla Conley read the 150th anniversary proclamation.

Trish Beem with the Convention Visitors Bureau was present she stated that all of the communities in Hall County are participating in the activities. They have 150 ways to celebrate the anniversary. She provided information to the board members on the story contest. She encouraged every one to submit a story of how they came to Hall County, these are stories from the heart and they will be cataloged for the future. This is who we are today and who we will be tomorrow. Lancaster stated that half of the flags have been sold.

4 DISCUSS AND APPROVE 2008 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR HALL COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – Dianna McKoski and Louis Steinke were present with the 2007 2008 Senior Citizen's budget. The State will contribute 50% on the operating costs. The budget has stayed the same except for the personnel they increased the drivers salaries by \$.25 and added more hours to the relief drivers. They are trying to use the sixth bus to help with the transporation during the week. The cost of the tickets is still \$.50. They did not increase the maintenance line item because the older buses have been replaced so that should help on maintenance costs. The budget increased by \$11,000.00.

Lancaster noted that the Senior Center had to increase the cost of meals to \$3.00 so they did not want to increase the cost of the using the buses.

The total budget is \$71,206.00 for operating only and they requested \$10,000.00 for the purchase of one bus.

Jeffries made a motion and Lancaster seconded to approve the \$71,206.00 Senior Citizens operating budget.

Eriksen stated that he did not understand the budget and expressed concern on the increase. He questioned if they still needed the dollars for the bus barn.

Lancaster stated that they do not have a plan for the construction of a bus barn at this time.

Jeffries stated that this is one of the best programs in the county. The hours for the buses have been expanded to assist people to get to work. If they cannot use the buses they cannot get to work. Lancaster also noted that this does not just serve the seniors it is public transportation. She also noted that the state did come through with additional dollars last year to help with the funding.

The vote on the motion to approve the operating budget for Senior Citizens was taken. Arnold Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and Eriksen voted no. Motion carried.

2 EXECUTIVE SESSION – REGARDING LITIGATION STATE V. D. ARNOLD – Lancaster made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go into executive session regarding the State v. D Arnold. This is to prevent needless harm or injury to an individual and to protect the public interest. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9:37 a.m. executive session

10:05 a.m. Jeffries made a motion and Lancaster seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

4 DISCUSS AND APPROVE 2008 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR HALL COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – There are additional agreements that need to be signed. Lancaster made a motion and Eriksen seconded to authorize the chair to sign the subcontract with Hall County and Senior Citizens and to sign the agreement between

Comstock Cab Company and Senior Citizens. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Arnold called for public participation and no one responded.

8 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING KENO APPLICATION PROCESS FOR 2007-2008 – Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka requested that the County Board give her direction regarding the keno application process for the new fiscal year. Discussion was held.

Eriksen made a motion and Lancaster seconded to handle the keno application process the same as last year and approve the same agencies. The grant applications will not be available. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9. AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CORRECTION DEPARTMENTS REQUEST REGARDING FUNDS IN EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND – Lancaster stated that the audit committee met regarding the corrections department balance of \$66,985.23 in the equipment improvement reserve fund. This total is broken down into a list of specific items for the jail and because of the new corrections facility that is under construction the items will not be needed. They are requesting to reallocate the dollars for radio scanners and an inmate tracking system for the new facility.

Lancaster made a motion and Humiston seconded to authorize the reallocation of the \$66,985.23 for the corrections department for the radio scanners and the inmate tracking system. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and Wagoner abstained.

10 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATIVE BILLS – Eriksen stated he had no comments and referred the discussion to Stacey Ruzicka. She stated that LB 208 regarding the material bonds for county projects was passed by the legislature. Bonds will not be required on projects less than \$10,000.00.

LB 305 regarding distribution of motor vehicle tax was advanced to final reading.

Lb 377 regarding the number of 9th District Court Judges is in select file so the bill is still moving. Arnold stated that they did receive a response on the letter that was sent and there will be a significant costs to the counties if this is approved.

No additional action was taken.

16.b DISCUSS AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIM FOR COURT HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS – Lancaster stated that some time ago the long range planning committee discussed improving the appearance of the area in the basement of the courthouse where the scanner is located. Some years ago when the scanner was placed there odds and ends of furniture were put together to make the desk area. Sheriff Jerry Watson purchased new furniture to make the improvements and charged it to his budget but Lancaster stated that this \$2,029.00 should have been paid from court house maintenance in the Building and Grounds Budget line item 2-1300. She stated

that she contacted Howard and asked if he had any concerns and he did not respond. So she suggested changing this claim.

Jeffries stated that the building and grounds people should have been included in the discussion if they were going to pay the bill.

Lancaster made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve paying the \$2,029.00 from line item 2-1300 in the Building and Grounds budget. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

The board members reviewed the regular claims. Wagoner questioned the cost of the inmate medical expenses. The corrections department has a contract for the physician and the pharmaceutical expenses. These contracts do help to control the costs.

Lancaster made a motion and Rye seconded to approve the biweekly pay claims and the regular claims and authorize the clerk to pay. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10:45 a.m. held a board of equalization meeting.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – Chairman Arnold called for board member reports.

Lancaster stated that she attended the open house of the Heartland Events Center and stated that this facility is a credit to the community. She also noted that the Senior High graduation was held there. She also stated that the Senior Citizens Center held a pancake feed to raise funds for a commercial dish washer and then the air conditioner went out.

Eriksen stated the he also attended the open house of the Heartland Events Center and the retirement part for Wood River superintendent Larry Harnish. He also attended the ground water celebration.

Arnold stated that he attended the Senior High Graduation at the Heartland Events Center and it is an awesome facility.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSIESS – Chairman Arnold called for new or unfinished business. Discussion was held on the advertisement for the board of Equalization meetings and County Clerk Marla Conley suggested that they be advertise separately.

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m. the next meeting will be May 29, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

S/Marla J. Conley
Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk